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11. (C) Upon receipt of reftel May 31, DCM briefed both Milan Jezovica, Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda, and Peter Kmec, Chief of Staff to Foreign Minister Eduard Kukan. The Ambassador delivered the full demarche in person June 1 to Acting Foreign Minister Jozsef Berenyi. Berenyi called the U.S. action "very clever" and expressed support for this effort to win a positive decision from Iran. He asked about recent U.S. consultations with Russia and China, and wondered if they were on board. He said he would immediately consult with Kukan (who is currently in Eastern Slovakia) about issuing a statement, and instructed his chief of staff to draft a text based on the demarche points. We expect that an official statement will be released as soon as June 2, and will transmit the text.